

**Council on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

**DEFINITIONS – FY16 – FY17**

For the purpose of this Community-Based Victim Services Grant Program:

Domestic Violence: a crime as specified in AS 18.66.990.

Sexual Assault: a crime as specified in AS 11.41.410 - 11.41.450.

Safe homes: a private residence whose trained occupant(s) provide a protective environment for a victim of domestic violence and her children.

Shelter: a 24-hour residential facility that is staffed whenever program participants are in residence. It provides temporary and/or transitional residential secure care for women and their children who are in danger of becoming or are victims of domestic violence or sexual assault.

Crisis Management: the immediate response to domestic violence and sexual assault. It may be a response to a threat of violence or an immediate response after the violence has occurred to deal with the consequences in the short term.

Intervention: the long-term response after violence has occurred, following the immediate crisis management response. Intervention deals with the lasting consequences of violence.

Prevention: defined as a systematic process that promotes healthy environments and behaviors and reduces the likelihood or frequency of domestic and sexual violence. Prevention activities can focus on increasing community awareness, stopping violence before it occurs (primary prevention) or to keep violence from reoccurring (early intervention).

Education: a technique used to implement prevention efforts and serves to build knowledge, skills and values that bring awareness to and/or prevention of the issues surrounding domestic and sexual violence.

Coordination: coordination of services helps to ensure that systems work more effectively on behalf of the victims and their children to make certain that they are protected and have access to necessary services. Coordination activities could include facilitating a coordinated community response team for prevention or a sexual assault response team for victims of sexual assault, etc.

New applicant: an applicant who was not funded by the Council in FY15.

Continuing applicant: means an applicant who was funded through the Council's Community-Based Victim Services Program in FY15.

Authorizing Official: a person on a non-profit's Board of Directors granted permission to sign documents on the program's behalf.